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Washington D.C.
Jan'y 21/1910

my dear Mr Muir -

How can we thank you for that generous box of Christmas 'goodies' - they are fine and I know it would do your heart good to see our darling babies get their little Morris chairs and Indian blankets and say "Come on Dad lets have a feast with Mr Muir - The 'grown ups' are not far behind and we do so enjoy your kind thoughtfulness -

You know how dear to our hearts is John Muir - we love him - we wish it were in our power to have more of this actual presence of our truest of friends -

We have asked - urged you many times to come over - we do so again in this - and I assure you again that no friend of all my life is dearer to me than you -

If I had senses enough to make money I would rush it immediately - make my pile then call John Muir and we would go to the mountains - where all cares is left behind and two Sauls (if you will allow me) would live with nature - one teaching the other

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learning - we both love to get away from
the rush, for, I don't know what, and my all
too short a visit with you last summer make
me appreciate more than ever how much
I am missing being away back east away
from such an influence as you -

But I must stop telling you such things
you know it any way - but I do not think
you appreciate how delighted you would
make us feel if you would only come and
stay with us awhile - why, we would give you
to eat - nuts and raisins and wines and a welcome
as pure as can be found on this dear old Earth.

I shall keep on working and some day we
may return to California and rouse you up
some way - and have more of those talks we
all love so well -

I have written Mr. Colby urging him - you
and the club - to bring the Heck Hethy matter
to a final issue at once. I feel we have
the very best chance now we will ever have
to save the valley - I can't say more

Love, sympathy and affection from us all
to you always -

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